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TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, GR, TU, US

SUBJECT: EC NINE ACTIVITY RE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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MINISTER COUNSELOR SCHAUER FORTHCOMING VISITS OF GREEK
PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT TO BONN.

2. EWING NOTED THE GREEKS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY RESTRAINED IN
THEIR REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO LIFT
THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO AND THAT WE HAVE INDICATED OUR
APPRECIATION TO ATHENS. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND GREEK CONCERN
ON THIS ISSUE, AND HAVE TRIED TO STRESS OUR BELIEF THAT
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ULTIMATELY BENEFIT GREECE.

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SUCH AS THE KARAMANLIS VISIT TO BONN, TO URGE CONTINUING
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RATHER IT IS A BALANCED APPROACH WHICH ATTEMPTS TO BREAK

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4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS, EWING STATED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT PROCESS, AND ANY POSITIVE STEPS THE TURKS CAN MAKE DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THAT EFFORT. EWING INDICATED THAT OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WERE PERHAPS IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE THIS POINT IN THAT WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE THE TURKS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS LINKING CYPRUS AND THE REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO.

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